

and their young son Shane, whom she has ingrained with a deep appreciation for two of her favorite things—Disney and stuffed animals. Volunteering as Silent Auction Chair for her son's preschool in Alexandria, she showcased the same tenacity that serves her so well as Chief of Staff. Melanie raised over \$20,000 for two consecutive school years, blowing out any record in the school's history.

Madam Speaker, my staff, myself, and the people of our district are deeply grateful for Melanie Rhinehart Van Tassell's expert guidance over these last 10 years. She personifies service, generosity, and leadership, and I am especially proud and honored to have her as my Chief of Staff.

CARL CERVENY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl Cerveney of Wheat Ridge, Colorado who passed away on January 27, 2021.

Carl Albert Cerveney was born on October 11, 1929. He attended Columbine Elementary School, Smiley Middle School and graduated from East High in 1947. He then enrolled at the University of Colorado as a second-generation CU student in the business school and graduated with a degree in marketing in 1951.

In 1957, Carl helped to found the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club. Being a founding member was no coincidence, with family and friends frequently describing Carl as one of the most optimistic people they knew. He ran their annual Optimist Pancake Supper for 60 years and served as president of the club twice. In 2010, the Club established the Carl Cerveney Scholarship Fund for graduates of Wheat Ridge High School.

Carl was known and admired for his passion for community service and his dedication to the Wheat Ridge community. He played an active role in enforcing the special election provision of the TABOR amendment in the city. Carl served on the board of the Westridge Sanitation District for 10 years, also serving as its president, and also served on the Planning Commission of Wheat Ridge for 10 years. In 1997, he walked the entire length of Wheat Ridge with his wife, Gretchen, when she ran and was elected the Mayor of Wheat Ridge.

Carl had a separate career running the Scotchman Restaurant in Wyoming. After the closure of the restaurant in 1977, Carl began his second career in real estate. After earning a Broker Certification from the University of Colorado and working for several agencies, Carl owned/operated Carl Cerveney Realty until he retired in 1999. Carl served on the Legislative Committee of the Colorado Association of Realtors and was honored with the Political Service Award by the Jefferson County Association of Realtors in 1991.

Carl was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Gretchen, along with their three children and families: daughter Mara Marks, husband Stephen and their son Colby; daughter Carla Rail, husband Anton and their son Jacob, daughter Martha, and son Nathan

with his wife Emily; son Chris Cerveney, wife Lorie Chandler and their sons Chandler and Chase. I appreciate and thank him for his lifetime of service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF RAY GHANER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ray Ghaner on his appointment to Huntingdon Borough's newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Ghaner in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Ghaner for his leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, MR. DAVID MCLINTON GREEN

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Warren, Arkansas native, Mr. David McClinton Green. Born on February 13, 1921, Mr. Green has lived a life of hard work, perseverance, and service to God and country.

Learning the value of a work ethic at a young age, his first job was at the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company in Warren. After being drafted into the Army at age 22, Mr. Green served for three years alongside thousands of young men during World War II. This service continued throughout his near 40-year career at local mills and Potlatch Deltic. He and his wife, Lillie Mae Feaster Green, had 7 children, and over their 66 years of marriage, they watched their family grow to include 18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mr. Green and his family. In his 100th year, he continues to represent the very best of our nation's greatest generation, and I thank him for his significant impact upon the advance of freedom and the American Dream.

FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH, COL. WEYDAN FLAX, USMC (RET)

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month, Col. Weydan Flax, USMC (Ret).

An artillery and communications officer in the United States Marine Corps, Col. Weydan Flax honorably served our nation for 30 years. He served in Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

After his retirement, he has faithfully served his fellow veterans and community through his volunteer work with the VFW, and Marine Corps League. In addition to volunteering with veteran organizations, Flax is an active board member for The Center for Individuals with Physical Disabilities.

He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Col. Flax as the First Congressional District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CATHERINE "CATHY" WAGNER OF BURLINGTON

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Catherine "Cathy" Wagner of Burlington. Cathy was born and raised in Southeast Wisconsin and dedicated her career to serving our Racine County community. Growing up on the family farm, Cathy developed strong values and a hard work ethic that would remain with her throughout her life. Cathy graduated from Burlington High School and later joined the ranks of Rochester Volunteer Fire Company and enrolled at Gateway Technical College to study firefighting and police work.

Cathy Wagner was a dedicated public servant. She served a combined 31 years for the Rochester and Burlington Town Fire Departments. She was a firefighter, an EMT, and became Assistant Chief of the Rochester Volunteer Fire Company. Cathy instilled this passion to service in her two children, who are involved in the Rochester Fire Company.

When her son was born with spina bifida, Cathy enrolled in nursing school to learn how she could better care for him and would go on to obtain a master's degree in nursing. For years, she worked as a registered nurse in hospital rooms where she was able to follow her passion of caring for others.

Cathy passed away on February 2, 2021. She is remembered by her family, colleagues, and friends for her generosity, empathy, and service. Cathy was a valued member of our community and inspiration to many. She is remembered by colleagues at the Rochester Fire Company or being "the heart and soul" of the department.

Racine County will be forever grateful for Cathy's dedication to public service. Cathy's work to make our community a better place will always be remembered. On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to Cathy's children, family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. She will be missed by many, but her passion for service and positive impact on those she met will continue to inspire us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRABON GROUP

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize and celebrate the Trabon Group for their contributions to the fight against the COVID-19 global pandemic. Despite the many challenges posed by this virulent virus, the Trabon Group quickly shifted its business operations to help build Personal Protective Equipment for those in Kansas City and across the United States. I am truly honored to represent the Trabon Group, and their commitment to public health is admirable and well worth reflection.

The Trabon Group is a commercial printing business and menu software supplier based in Kansas City, Missouri, that has provided services to over one thousand clients nationwide and printed more than forty-three million menus and prints. Since 1975, the Trabon Group has been providing countless businesses with high quality marketing and sales prints such as brochures and flyers, as well as menu data services that have revolutionized the restaurant industry. With forty-six years of experience, the Trabon Group has become a fixture of the Kansas City business community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked destruction on American lives and on American livelihoods. One of the first economic sectors to feel the devastating effects of the pandemic was the restaurant industry. Soon to follow was the entire ecosystem of other businesses, including the Trabon Group, who counted restaurants among their most loyal clients. At the beginning of last year, as businesses began to shut their doors, paychecks began to disappear, and cases began to rise, the Trabon Group, like so many others, faced mounting challenges to stay open and pay their employees. Our nation was caught off guard by this virus, and the situation looked bleak. However, in March of 2020, the Trabon group crafted an innovative idea that allowed them to continue operations and maintain their workforce, all while serving struggling communities across the United States.

After communicating with schools, healthcare organizations, and hospitals, the Trabon Group recognized the dire need for protective equipment and began producing face shields. They then went about rethinking their printing machine capabilities and collected the supplies required to produce the shields on a large scale. Within the first few days of producing protective equipment, the Trabon Group, under the brand USA Shields LLC., produced and shipped around fifty thou-

sand medical grade face shields. As a part of this endeavor, the Trabon Group was able to bring back seventy-two of their furloughed workers and are now supplying around eight thousand face shields a day to be shipped to hospitals, restaurants, meatpacking facilities, colleges, and high schools throughout Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Texas.

The Trabon Group had previously set itself apart in the business community by creating the groundbreaking MenuNet software that has allowed restaurants to better manage their data, but this past year has truly shown their innovative nature and passion for service. As vaccines arrive in cities and towns all across the United States, and as our country begins to see the light at the end of the tunnel, businesses like the Trabon Group will continue to be paramount in defeating this destructive virus. It gives me great hope for the future to see businesses like the Trabon Group step up to serve in times of difficulty, and I am extremely thankful for their efforts to save lives and jobs alike. Throughout American history, our people have confronted many seemingly insurmountable challenges. Much like past generations who faced daunting odds, the American people are meeting these challenges with strength, determination, and deep forethought for their fellow citizens.

Today, we celebrate local businesses such as the Trabon Group, who exemplify what true representatives of servant leadership look like. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the outstanding work of the Trabon Group in the ongoing fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Let us seek to emulate their example by setting our talents and resources upon the urgent work of helping those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY STUBER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tammy Stuber on her appointment to Huntingdon Borough's newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Ms. Stuber in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Ms. Stuber for her leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate her on being appointed to this commission.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER

Jr., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2021. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and federal marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens. Last Congress, we introduced a virtually identical bill, which was included in the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

After the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the urgency of this bill has become even more apparent. The U.S. Capitol Police tried to stop the mob attack, but without body cameras, we have been forced to rely on social media, cameras in the Capitol and public reporting to learn what happened. The events at Lafayette Square last year, where U.S. Park Police and other federal police officers forcibly removed peaceful protestors so the president could hold a photo op, is another recent example of why our bill is needed.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where the Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police departments also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local police departments, including the Metropolitan Police Department in the District, are using body and dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal police departments following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.